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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I would like to say as a paying customer and citizen... Duke Energy we can not afford this kind of rate increase in our bill. This would take from the little monies that we live on from month to month and sometimes no money left over to do til the end of the month . We dont have a choice of who we have to provide out electric service with. Please, please stop and take a look at all the little people out here that you are putting out or causing to do without because you are wanting more money to fatten someones pocket ... We cant just come up with it like that and we are the ones that will have to pay for all the increase it will put us further in the hole with no way to see our way to the top...Please rethink this increase thru and look into ways of getting the funds from some other ways and means.

Concerned Customer,
Anita Watson Trotter

Sincerely,
Anita Watson

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